

**Washington, DC - Rep. Brad Miller (NC-13)** sent a letter today asking House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman, **Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX)**, to withhold funding from a FY 2008 Military appropriations bill for the proposed Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Site C in Washington and Beaufort Counties until the Navy conducts further review of all available locations in the state.

In the letter to the Chair of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, Miller wrote that it would be premature and inappropriate for Congress to provide any additional funding to develop an OLF at Site C without further review.

"North Carolina has a prestigious history of hosting our nation's military, and I support our military and troops," said **Miller**. "However, I believe there are better alternatives that would not disrupt family farms and national wildlife refuges."

**Miller** wrote that Site C is not a viable option for an OLF because of the danger it will pose to Navy and Marine pilots and their aircraft from unavoidable bird strikes. He added that placing the OLF at Site C will displace local farms and homes and will have environmental consequences given its proximity to the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, which hosts thousands of migratory waterfowl each year.

**Rep. Miller** also sent a letter today to Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter expressing his concern about the OLF project.

The letters can be viewed below:

Rep. Miller's letter to Chairman Edwards

Rep. Miller's letter to the Secretary of the Navy

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